

those that are currently paying personal property taxes, it is not a good way to spend this potential revenue for the state. Some day we may need to have a sales tax on services, it ought to be held in reserve and spent on what is needed at the state level and not...should not be used simply to give a tax break for individuals that, under current state law, are expected to pay a personal property tax. I...I would urge support for this amendment. I recognize if this amendment passes, it will do damage to LB 1120. But even if you like LB 1120, there are other sources of revenue that might be considered. If you recall, on LB 829 last year, we spent a lot of time considering revenue sources, rejecting, considering, rejecting, considering, rejecting, until we finally came with a mix that was acceptable to a majority of members of the Legislature for at least a one-year period. Not all of my amendments take revenue away. One of my amendments which will be considered in the future will be one that would look at the depreciation add back and eliminate the first \$100,000 freebie, and I don't know how much money that would generate but there will be some money generated. So we'll have an opportunity, even if you vote to take out the sales tax on services, you will have an opportunity at later dates to look at other replacement revenues and we ought to be doing that. What you ought to be doing right now is searching inside yourself and ask, is a sales tax on services for this purpose good tax policy for the State of Nebraska? I don't think it is. I would urge you to vote no. Will give Senator Landis the remainder of my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, for those of you who oppose the sales tax now and forever, now is the chance to use that policy decision to vote for this amendment. For those of you who are like me who believe that a sales tax on services is appropriate and inevitable, I caution you that this is not the time, this is not the place to do it and this is not the end towards which we should use the sales tax. It should be on a more comprehensive basis. It should be used to lower rates. It should be to make sure that we have a tax...a state tax policy that is sensible and reflects the actual economic activity of our economy. And whichever side of that fence you're on, I think the appropriate vote is to vote in favor of this amendment and to strip the sales tax on services from 1120 and let the search for replacement revenue begin. Thank you.